

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 EC BRU 08469 301955Z

64

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 NEA-06 ISO-00 AGR-05 FEA-01 AEC-05 AID-05

CEA-01 CIAE-00 CIEP-01 COME-00 DODE-00 EB-04 FPC-01

H-01 INR-05 INT-05 L-01 NSAE-00 NSC-05 OMB-01 PM-03

RSC-01 SAM-01 OES-02 SP-02 SS-15 STR-01 TRSE-00

FRB-01 /086 W

----- 041176

R 301751Z OCT 74

FM USMISSION EC BRUSSELS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7717

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

AMEMBASSY DUBLIN

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY LUXEMBOURG

AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY RABAT

AMEMBASSY ROME

AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

AMEMBASSY TUNIS

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

USINT ALGIERS

USMISSION OECD PARIS

LIMITED OFFICAL USE EC BRUSSELS 8469

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: ENRG, EEC

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 EC BRU 08469 301955Z

SUBJECT: EURO/ARAB DIALOGUE: PROGRESS REPORT

1. SUMMARY: THE DIALOGUE IS STILL IN THE PROCEDURAL STAGE. EC OFFICIALS VISITED CAIRO OCTOBER 20 TO MAKE ORGANIZATIONAL PROPOSALS, INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FIVE WORKING GROUPS UNDER THE GENERAL COMMISSION. THE ARABS WILL MEET NOVEMBER 12-14 TO DISCUSS THESE PROPOSALS, AND THE GENERAL COMMISSION IS EXPECTED TO MEET TOWARD THE END OF NOVEMBER. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING TO MEYER, DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE EC COMMISSION, WHO ACCOMPANIED WELLENSTEIN, COMMISSION DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS, TO CAIRO ON OCTOBER 20, PROGRESS IN MOVING TOWARD THE DIALOGUE WITH THE ARABS IS SLOW. HE REMARKED THAT THIS WAS NOT SURPRISING SINCE THERE ARE TWENTY COUNTRIES PLUS THE ARAB LEAGUE ON THE ONE SIDE AND NINE COUNTRIES PLUS THE COMMISSION ON THE OTHER. MEYER SAID PREPARATIONS ARE STILL IN THE PROCEDURAL STAGE WITH THE EUROPEAN PROPOSALS NOW ON THE TABLE. THE NINE PLUS THE COMMISSION WILL MEET THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 4, PROBABLY IN PARIS FOR A BRAINSTORMING SESSION ON WHERE TO GO SUBSTANTIVELY WITH THE DIALOGUE. THE ARABS WILL MEET NOVEMBER 12-14 TO EXAMINE THE DETAILS OF THE EUROPEAN ORGANIZATIONAL PROPOSALS. THE MAIN EUROPEAN RECOMMENDATION IS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING GROUPS IN AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY, FINANCIAL MATTERS (NOT TO INCLUDE RECYCLING), EQUIPMENT, AND CULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY.

3. THE FIRST MEETING OF THE GENERAL COMMISSION WILL PROBABLY TAKE PLACE AT THE END OF NOVEMBER IN PARIS. MEYER SAID IT TOO WILL UNDOUBTEDLY RESTRICT ITSELF TO ORGANIZATIONAL QUESTIONS SUCH AS RULES OF PROCEDURE AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WORKING GROUPS.

4. IF THE WORKING GROUPS ARE ESTABLISHED, THE EUROPEANS WANT TO KEEP EVERYTHING VERY SIMPLE AND UNSOPHISTICATED. THEY HAVE DEVELOPED A SET OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 EC BRU 08469 301955Z

NEGATIVE CRITERIA AGAINST WHICH TO EVALUATE POTENTIAL PROPOSALS. FOR EXAMPLE, THEY MUST INVOLVE NO EUROPEAN EXPENDITURES AND MUST BE IN AREAS WHICH WILL NOT DIVIDE THE ARABS. MEYER HOPES IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR EACH WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP "BY SPRING" THREE OR FOUR CONCRETE ACTION PROPOSALS.

5. MEYER SAID IT WAS CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD BY THE NINE

THAT POLITICAL QUESTIONS WOULD BE AVOIDED, BUT HE
WAS NOT SURE WHETHER THE ARABS WERE QUITE AS FIRM ON
THAT POINT. GREENWALD

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: FINANCE, INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE, MEETING REPORTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 30 OCT 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: golinofr
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974ECBRU08469
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740310-0766
From: EC BRUSSELS
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t1974108/aaaaafzb.tel
Line Count: 118
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: golinofr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 03 APR 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <03 APR 2002 by boyleja>; APPROVED <07-Aug-2002 by golinofr>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: EURO/ARAB DIALOGUE: PROGRESS REPORT
TAGS: ENRG, EEC
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005